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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: HAWKINS, et al. Serial No.: 09/605,766 Filing Date: 28 JUNE 2000 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING BIOLOGICAL REACTIONS ON A SUBSTRATE SURFACE	Examiner: SIEW, JEFFREY Group Art Unit: 1637 <u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 2, 2003 Signed <u>Jere Valles</u> Jere Valles
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Response

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action, dated March 5, 2003, in the above-identified application. This response is submitted within the three month statutory period, making this a timely response. No fees are believed to be due at this time. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (A-70126-1/RMS/RMK/NBC).

Applicants submit that the following Amendments and Remarks are in conformance with the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," signed and dated January 31, 2003. Amendments to the claims

are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 8 of this paper.